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SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY

REF: A. STATE 272521 (DTG 180226Z NOV 75)(NOTAL)
B. VIENTIANE 6077 (DTG 300918Z NOV 75)
C. VIENTIANE 6217 (DTG 101035Z NOV 75)

1. APPRECIATE ITINERARY CONTAINED REF A. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO REPEAT STRONG RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REF B THAT CODEL UTILIZE THAI AIRWAYS RATHER ROYAL AIR LAO, GIVEN FACT THAT LATTER FREQUENTLY CANCELS FLIGHT ON BANGKOK-VIENTIANE RUN; IS INVARIABLY LATE WHEN IT DOES FLY; AND DOES NOT ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN ITS DC-4'S.

2. PROPOSE INSTEAD THAT CODEL PLAN TO TRAVEL FROM BANGKOK TO VIENTIANE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, ON THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHT TH521 (LEAVE 1345, ARRIVE 1515) AND RETURN TO BANGKOK WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, ON THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHT TH 533 (LEAVE 1555, ARRIVE 1725). BY EMPLOYING THESE FLIGHTS CODEL WOULD HAVE SAME AMOUNTS OF TIME IN VIENTIANE (48 HOURS) AND BANGKOK RESPECTIVELY AS ON SCHEDULE PROPOSED REF A AND WOULD AVOID DANGER OF MISSING ONWARD FLIGHT TO SINGAPORE ON

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3. SHOULD CODEL FOR ANY REASON DECIDE TO ADHERE TO SCHEDULE OUTLINED REF A, HE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT RAL FLIGHTS AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED DIFFER FROM TIMES SET FORTH REF A (ALTHOUGH SCHEDULE MEANS LITTLE TO RAL). RAL 405 THEORETICALLY DEPARTS BANGKOK AT 1630 HOURS ON TUESDAYS AND ARRIVES VIENTIANE 1730 (CARAVELLE); RAL 400 DEPARTS VIENTIANE AT 1500 ON THURSDAYS AND ARRIES BANGKOK 1645 (DC-4).

4. ON ASSUMPTION THAT CODEL WILL AGREE TO REVISE SCHEDULE PARA 2, HAVE BOOKED TWO SINGLES AT LANE XANG HOTEL BEGINNING NOVEMBER 24 RPT 24. WE CAN ALTER THIS IF NECESSARY.

5. CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO RICHARD W. TEARE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

6. TRUST WE WILL RECEIVE TELEGRAM OUTLINING CODEL'S SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM SOONEST, PARTICULARLY IF CODEL WISHES US TO REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH PGNU OFFICIALS SUGGESTED IN PARA 6 OF REF C.
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